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BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

Sacramento, CA

May 4, 2011

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS PRESENT:

Stan Dixon, Chairman
Pam Giacomini
Jim Ostrowski
Bruce Saito
Mark Andre

BOARD OF FORESTRY MEMBERS ABSENT:

Gary Nakamura

BOARD STAFF:

George Gentry, Executive Officer
Eric Huff, Executive Officer, Forester's Licensing
Chris Zimny, Regulations Coordinator
Linda Cano, Executive Assistant

The Board's Mission:

To lead California in developing policies and programs that serve the public interest in environmentally, economically, and socially sustainable management of forest and rangelands and a fire protection system that protects and serves the people of the state.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dixon called the May 4, 2011 meeting of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to order.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session held

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

05-11-01 Member Giacomini moved to approve the April 2011 minutes. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Mr. Dixon stated he is anxious to see what the administration will do to fill the empty Board seats and how soon in light of the budget crisis.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – Crawford Tuttle

- Governor Brown issued a proclamation declaring Wildfire Awareness Week, May 1 – 7, 2011.
- There was a late start to fire season this year due to extensive rainfall. CDF has responded to two fire incidents thus far. Expects fires to pick up in Southern California.
- CDF has replaced approximately one third of the unit chief retirees. The new appointments are:
Northern Region
Kelly Keenan, Amador – El Dorado Unit
Rick Kyle, Shasta - Trinity Unit
Jeff Schori, Tehama - Glen
Southern Region
Tim McClelland, San Bernardino Unit
Nancy Koerperich, Madera – Mariposa - Merced Unit
Robert Luwin, San Luis Obispo Unit
- The Governor has issued a directive on travel, only travel that is deemed mission critical will be allowed or travel that is not funded by the state. Travel that was covered by this year's blanket, and travel where resources have already been expended is continuing.
- Forest Practice has made progress on the THP backlog; they are at 50 plans or less.
- Continuing dialogue with NCRWQCB on how best to handle regulatory review responsibilities, particularly on MTMP's, dialogue also included water sampling strategies.
- Governor Brown is seeking program nominations for the 2011 Director's Recognition Award, applications will be taken through May 29.

REPORT OF THE REGULATIONS COORDINATOR-CHRIS ZIMNY

Hours of Operations, 2010 and Special Conditions for Disapproval have been approved by OAL and become effective January 1, 2012.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The June agenda will include a report from US Forest Service, the NRCS, the Fire Plan update, and tentatively a report from Susann Lang, Santa Rosa office on their mapping technology. Mr. Gentry will apply for a travel exemption for Board members. Mr. Gentry acknowledged the passing of Mike Miles Sr.

Forest Practice – Mark Andre

No Action Items

Policy - Jim Ostrowski

No Action Items

Management – Pam Giacomini

No Action Items

Resource Protection - Pam Giacomini

No Action Items

REPORT OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

CALIFORNIA OAK MORTALITY TASK FORCE (COMTF) – Katie Palmieri

Refer to COMTF report.

CALIFORNIA FOREST PEST COUNCIL REPORT – Tom Smith

Copy of the report is in the master binder.

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RMAC) Eric Huff

RMAC meeting has been postponed until May 17 – 18. He will provide the RMAC annual report and the Examining Committee's report at the July Board meeting.

Eric Huff announced the nomination of Aaron Lazanoff to RMAC.

05-11-02 Member Giacomini moved to accept the nomination of Aaron Lazanoff to RMAC. Member Andre seconded the motion. All members voted in favor of the motion.

MONITORING STUDY GROUP (MSG) George Gentry

PROFESSIONAL FORESTERS EXAMINING COMMITTEE – Eric Huff

Mr. Huff will present the results of the Professional Foresters Exam at the July Board meeting.

The following Registered Professional Foresters indicated a desire to **VOLUNTARILY RELINQUISH** his/her license to practice forestry due to retirement:

KENNETH DUNN	RPF 1470
OLIVER KOLKMANN	RPF 1793
PETER PASSOF	RPF 982
DONALD STICKERS	RPF 1422

The Office of Professional Foresters Registration notes the RECENT PASSING of the following Registered Professional Foresters:

FREDERIC BATCHELOR	RPF 1453
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ROBERT KROHN
THOMAS MYA
WILLIAM BEATY

RPF 1049
RPF 59
RPF 584

Francis Raymond Award Nominations

Mr. Huff presented the following nominees:

Organization: Los Angeles County Fire Department's Forestry Division
Individual: Diane Dealey Neill

05-11-03 Member Saito moved to accept the nominations for the Francis Raymond Award. Member Ostrowski seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

HEARING: MODIFIED TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN FOR FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION, 2011

Eric Huff gave the overview

Agency Comment

Russ Henley, Cal Fire, referred to comment letter submitted to the Board, in support of the rule package with certain edits.

Public Comment

Bill Keye, CLFA, is in support of the rule package.

Charles Greenlaw, is in support of the rule package. He added that an attempt should be made to get the forests back to the condition they were a century ago.

Richard Gienger, supports the concept of what the rule is intended to do.

Eric Carlson, ACL, is in support of the rule package.

Addie Jacobson, Ebbetts Pass Forest Watch, would like to see rule package move forward.

Dan Weldon, A4FF, wants to see the rule package move forward as is.

Ed Stuffenegger, CFA, endorses the rule package.

05-11-04 Member Ostrowski moved to close public hearing. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

05-11-05 Member Giacomini moved to incorporate changes submitted by Cal Fire and member Ostrowski and put out for 15 Day Notice for final hearing at the June Board meeting. Member Saito seconded the motion. All members were in favor of the motion.

PUBLIC FORUM

Richard Gienger, expressed concerns with Department of Fish & Game's inability to provide a representative for VTAC.

Eric Carlson, ACL, commented on the new structure of the committee meetings. He likes the ability to participate in all committees meetings.

Mike Tadlock, CLFA, looks forward to maintaining a good working relationship with the Board.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the May 4, 2011 meeting of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,



George D. Gentry
Executive Officer

ATTEST:



Stan Dixon
Chairman

Copies of the attendance sheets can be obtained from the Board Office.